IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS EL DORADO DIVISION

DELOIS PIPPEN, as Special Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille G. Billings, deceased, and on behalf of the wrongful death beneficiaries of Lucille G. Billings; and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

Case No. 1:16-cv-01069-SOH

PINEWOOD HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, LLC; ARKANSAS SNF OPERATIONS ACQUISITION, LLC; ARKANSAS NURSING HOME ACQUISITION, LLC; CSCV HOLDINGS, LLC; CAPITAL FUNDING GROUP, INC.; SLC PROFESSIONALS, LLC; SLC PROFESSIONALS AR7, LLC; SLC PROFESSIONALS HOLDINGS, LLC; SLC OPERATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC; SLC OPERATIONS, LLC; SLC ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF ARKANSAS, LLC; SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES OF ARKANSAS, LLC: ADDIT, LLC; SLC OPERATIONS MASTER TENANT, LLC; SLC PROPERTIES, LLC; 1101 WATERWELL ROAD, LLC; CSCV ARKANSAS REALTY, LLC; ALAN ZUCCARI; BRIAN REYNOLDS; JOHN W. DWYER; DANIEL BAIRD; TROY MORRIS, in his capacity as Administrator of Pinewood Health and Rehabilitation, LLC; EMILY GREENE, in her capacity as Administrator of Pinewood Health and Rehabilitation, LLC; CAROL HOELSCHER, in her capacity as Administrator of Pinewood Health and Rehabilitation, LLC; and BARNEY L. PIERCE, in his capacity as Administrator of Pinewood Health and Rehabilitation, LLC

DEFENDANTS

MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY

Defendants, by and through their counsel, Kutak Rock LLP, for their motion to stay discovery, state:

This action commenced on February 3, 2016, when the Plaintiff filed her Class
 Action Complaint in the Circuit Court of Ashley County, Arkansas.

- 2. On June 23, 2016, the Plaintiff served upon the Defendants separate sets of written discovery titled "First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents."
- 3. On July 15, 2016, Separate Defendants Troy Morris and Alan Zucarri filed their Notice of Removal of this action from the Circuit Court of Ashley County, Arkansas to the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1441, 1446, and 1453.
- 4. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure apply to all civil actions removed from state court. Fed.R.Civ.P. 81(c)(1). The Rules do not allow either party to seek discovery, with the exception of initial disclosures, until a Rule 26(f) conference has taken place. Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(d)(1).
- 5. Upon removal to this Court, the Plaintiff's written discovery is premature under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an Order staying Defendants' obligation to respond to Plaintiff's pre-removal written discovery until a Rule 26(f) conference has taken place, and for all other relief this Court deems just and proper.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 20, 2016, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which shall send notification of such filing to the following:

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I hereby certify that on July 20, 2016, I mailed the foregoing document by first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following non CM/ECF participants:

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